

Prof. J. D. Stevenson

Tuskegee, Ala.

SUPERINTENDENT of Young Men's Christian Association and Sunday-school work at Tuskegee Institute.

He was born in Malden, W. Va., June 22, 1873. He attended the public school about six months each year. At the age of eighteen he entered Hampton Institute, where he studied for four years. After leaving Hampton, he went to Boston, to complete a course in business college, where he studied for two years, and was immediately called to Tuskegee, in 1905, to take up work in the auditing department of the Institute.



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During his stay in Boston he connected himself with the Young Men's Christian Association. He connected himself with a small band of young men who called themselves the "Emmanuel Praying Band," whose object was to lead others to Christ. "To this band more than any one thing," he says, "I owe all the success which I have had in Christian work at Tuskegee. God has used me each year since being here in leading from fifty to seventy-five young men to Christ through personal work."

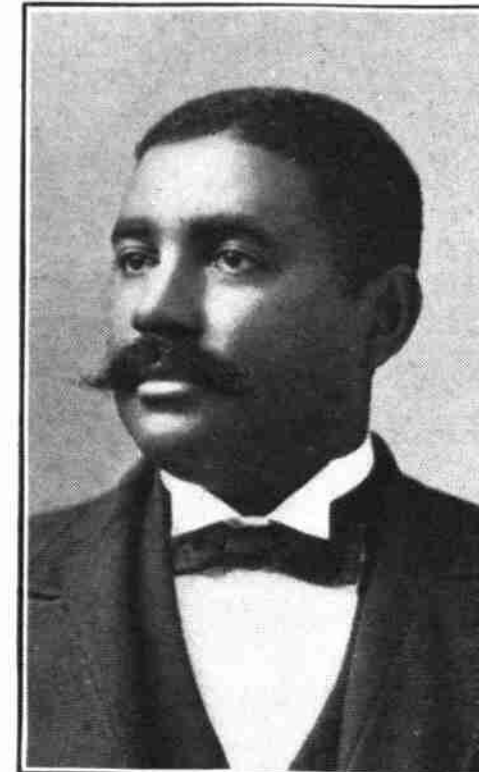
On arriving at Tuskegee, he engaged in work with young men. At that time the membership of the Young Men's Christian Association was small; to-day it is nearly four hundred. So rapidly did the work grow that the school thought it wise, more than a year ago, to have Professor Stevenson installed as the general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association work. He has organized the smaller boys of the school into a club called the "Careful Builders Club," whose membership is near one hundred. This club is doing much for the moral and spiritual growth of the boys. Each year the Bible study work conducted under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. of the school has an enrollment of about six hundred men and boys.

Shortly after his arrival at Tuskegee he was called to the superintendency of the Sunday-school, which position he has held each year since. The Sunday-school is composed of more than 1,500 pupils, with 60 teachers.

Rev. Wesley F. Graham

Richmond, Va.

PASTOR of the Fifth Street Baptist Church. Born at Forest, Scott County, Miss., May 10, 1858. He was a slave and still has vivid recollections of the time, in 1863, when he, his parents and a large number of other slaves were refuged to Montgomery, Ala., for safe keeping. After the war was over he was carried by his parents to Bolivar, Tenn., where they spent two years farming. In 1871 they moved to Lee County, Ark., where young Graham spent several years on the cotton farms, in brick yards, and cutting timber.



W. F. Graham, D.D.

He joined the church in 1874 and became an active Sunday-school worker. At nineteen he was licensed to preach by the First Baptist Church, Forrest City, Ark. After attending the public schools of Lee County for several years young Graham entered as a state student the Branch Normal College at Pine Bluff, Ark. He began his studies there in the fall of 1878 and graduated in 1881. While in Pine Bluff he was ordained as pastor of the Middle Baptist Church. In October, 1881, he went to Wayland Seminary, Washington, D. C., under the presidency of Dr. G. M. P. King, and finished his course of study in 1883.

He has been a pastor in Virginia for twenty-six years. His work has been very successful. His present charge is one of the best in Virginia, having more than 1,500 members. He became pastor of this church in 1892. He was married to Miss Josie A. Shields, March, 1884. His wife is also a graduate of Wayland Seminary. Dr. Graham has shown keen interest in the business life of his race. He is at the head of an industrial insurance company which employs over 200 persons and handles \$150,000 a year. He is a regular contributor to the literature of the National Baptist Publishing Board, and has for years been the chairman of the trustee board of Virginia Seminary located in Lynchburg, Va. Dr. Graham, pastor and business man, occupies a position of leadership among the Baptists because of his unusual business and executive ability, his literary attainments, and his personal qualities.